

WHAT A PRIVILEGE!!! VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

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HOW MANY PEOPLE REMEMBER THE BRADY BUNCH? I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE MOVIES BASED ON THE TV SHOW, BUT THE SHOW WITH FLORENCE HENDERSON AND ROBERT REED, GREG, MARCIA, PETER, JAN, BOBBY AND CINDY?

I REMEMBER ONE EPISODE WHERE GREG SEES BOBBY ABOUT TO FALL FROM A LADDER AND RESCUES HIM. AS A RESULT, BOBBY DOES HIS BEST TO TRY AND REPAY THE DEBT EVEN THOUGH IN MOST CASES HE MAKES A BIG PEST OF HIMSELF IN GREG'S OPINION. BUT BOBBY SINCERELY PUTS OUT AN EFFORT TO SERVE GREG BECAUSE OF HIS GRATITUDE FOR SAVING HIS LIFE. THE STORY ENDS WITH BOBBY EVENTUALLY SAVING GREG FROM A LOCKED FREEZER AND THEREFORE IN BOBBY'S MIND, THE DEBT WAS REPAYED.

I WANT TO TALK THIS MORNING ON SERVICE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE GOD. I WANT TO LOOK AT SOME OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES THAT TALK ABOUT A PEOPLE SANCTIFIED BY GOD TO BE ABOUT HIS SERVICE. AND USING SOME NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE, SHOW WHY OUR SERVICE TO GOD IS SO IMPORTANT TOO.

AS WE BEGIN THIS MORNING, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT WHAT DAVID INGLE AND DAN SHARED LAST WEEK CONCERNING WHAT LAYS AHEAD FOR US HERE AT CEDARLOO. ONE COULD THINK THAT MY SERMON IS SOMEHOW PART TWO OF LAST WEEK, EVEN THOUGH I BEGAN WRITING IT BEFORE LAST SUNDAY. BUT I DO THINK IT FITS AS A NICE FOLLOW UP TO LAST WEEK.

BODY

I THINK THE FIRST THING, AND MAYBE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN IT COMES TO SERVING GOD, **IS THAT IT IS A PRIVILEGE.**

DUETERONOMY 18:1-5

WHEN THE ISRAELITES LEFT THE BONDAGE OF EGYPT UNDER THE GUIDE OF MOSES, GOD APPOINTED MOSES' BROTHER AARON AND HIS SONS TO SERVE AS PRIESTS. BUT WHEN THE ISRAELITES HAD AARON ERECT A GOLDEN CALF AND STARTED BOWING DOWN TO WORSHIP IT, MOSES CALLED OUT "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE." IT WAS THE TRIBE OF LEVI THAT RESPONDED.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR RESPONSE THAT GOD CHOSE THE TRIBE OF LEVI TO SERVE HIM AS PRIESTS. IT WAS DONE AS A PRIVILEGE TO THEM. WHEN WE READ IN VERSE TWO THAT THE WHOLE TRIBE OF LEVI WOULD HAVE NO ALLOTMENT OR INHERITANCE IN THE PROMISE LAND, IT'S VERY EASY TO THINK HOW THAT TRIBE WAS SOMEHOW SLIGHTED BY GOD. AS WE MOVE INTO THE BOOK OF JOSHUA AND THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL START TO MOVE INTO THE PROMISED LAND, ALL OF THE TRIBES, EXCEPT LEVI, RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE. THREE OF THE TRIBES TAKE THE LAND IN THE SOUTH, INCLUDING JUDAH AND BENJAMIN; SIX TRIBES WOULD TAKE LAND IN THE NORTH, REUBEN AND GAD WOULD SETTLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER. IN THE CASE OF MANASSEH, HALF OF THE TRIBE WOULD SETTLE IN A LARGE SECTION OF LAND IN THE NORTH AND THE OTHER HALF ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE JORDAN.

A SPECIAL ALLOTMENT OF LAND WAS GIVEN TO BOTH JOSHUA AND CALEB SINCE THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES TO STAY FAITHFUL AMONG THE TWELVE TRIBES THAT HAD SPIED THE PROMISED LAND 40 YEARS BEFORE.

BUT Josh 18:7 SAYS:

For the Levites have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance.

NASU

IT SEEMS A LITTLE UNFAIR DOESN'T IT? ALL OF THE OTHER TRIBES GOT TO PICK CHOICE LAND AND LIVE IN IT. BUT NOT SO FOR THE LEVITES WHO STOOD UP FOR THE LORD.

BUT LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THE LORD DID FOR THE LEVITES. FIRST OF ALL HE GAVE THEM JOB SECURITY WITH A RETIREMENT PLAN. NUMBERS 8:23-26 SAYS THAT THE LEVITES STARTED WORKING AT AGE 25 AND RETIRED AT THE AGE OF 50. YES, THE WORK WAS SOMETIMES HARD BUT ALWAYS REWARDING SINCE THEY WERE DOING IT ALL FOR THE LORD. IN ADDITION, THEY WERE GIVEN ROOM AND BOARD. IT SAYS IN JOSHUA 21 THAT EACH TRIBE WAS TO GIVE PART OF THEIR LAND TO THE LEVITES TO LIVE IN, INCLUDING THE PLACES OF REFUGE, WHICH WERE PROVIDED BY GOD IN THE EVENT THAT AN ISRAELITE ACCIDENTLY KILLED SOMEBODY.

AND IN ADDITION TO LAND, GOD ALSO PROVIDED THEIR FOOD, CLOTHING AND THEIR OTHER NEEDS. BACK IN **DEUTERONOMY 26: 11-15:**

Deut 26:11-13

And you and the Levite and the alien who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.

12 " When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. 13 "You shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the orphan and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Your commandments.

GOD COMMANDED THAT THE OTHER TRIBES WERE TO GIVE BACK A TENTH OF WHAT THE LORD HAD BLESSED THEM WITH, AND SINCE THEY WERE A SHEPHERDING COMMUNITY USUALLY THIS MEANT A SHEEP OR OTHER KIND OF ANIMAL. BUT IT ALSO INCLUDED GRAIN, VEGETABLES, WOOL AND OTHER ITEMS TOO.

THE PEOPLE WOULD BRING THESE TO THE PRIESTS AND THE PRIESTS WOULD GET THE MEAT FOR FOOD AND PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE LORD.

WHEN THE LORD TOLD THE LEVITES THAT HE WOULD BE THEIR INHERITANCE IT WAS DONE AS A GREATER PRIVILEGE THAN WHAT ALL OF THE OTHER NATIONS RECEIVED. THEY GOT TO SERVE GOD!!! AND GOD PROVIDED FOR THEM. IN ADDITION GOD SHOWS US THAT OUR INHERITANCE ISN'T ABOUT EARTHLY THINGS AS IT WAS FOR THE OTHER TRIBES OF ISRAEL. BUT RATHER OUR INHERITANCE IS HEAVENWARD AS IT WAS FOR THE LEVITES.

ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER IS THAT SOMETIMES IT IS HUMAN NATURE TO THINK THAT AS LONG AS WE SERVE THE BARE MINIMUM THAT'S PLENTY. SOMETIMES WE'RE AFRAID TO AGREE TO SERVE IN SOME CAPACITY FOR FEAR MAY BE NOT LIKE IT OR MAY NOT BE SKILLED.

SOMETIMES IT'S EASY TO CONVINCING OURSELVES THAT AS LONG AS WE COME TO CHURCH OR GIVE MONEY IN OFFERING THAT WE'VE DONE ENOUGH. AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THOSE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT WE ALSO NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT SERVING THE LORD IS A PRIVILEGE. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'VE "GOT" TO DO, RATHER IT'S SOMETHING WE "GET" TO DO.

NOW HAVING SAID THIS I MUST SAY THAT THIS CHURCH IS SO BLESSED TO HAVE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE WHO CAN TEACH AND LEAD BIBLE STUDIES. WE HAVE SOME THAT ARE SKILLED CARPENTERS AND LANDSCAPERS AND THIS NEW AREA THAT WE WORSHIP IN IS THE RESULT OF MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE. WE HAVE SOME THAT SERVE BY COOKING MEALS FOR OTHER PEOPLE, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. BUT WHILE SO MANY PEOPLE SERVE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, TO THINK THAT WE CAN'T IMPROVE IS A WRONG LINE OF THINKING. AND SINCE NOT EVERYONE IS INVOLVED, THIS MOST CERTAINLY APPLIES FOR US. EVERYONE CAN AND SHOULD BE A PART OF SERVICE TO THE LORD.

SECONDLY, WHEN SERVING THE LORD, GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR NEEDS. THIS IS ONE OF TRUTHS OF SCRIPTURE, WHICH WE OFTEN HEAR ABOUT AND EVEN AGREE WITH, AND YET SO MANY ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE A TRY. GOD PROMISED TO TAKE CARE OF THE LEVITES AND HE DID. GOD PROMISES TO MEET OUR NEEDS AND HE WILL TOO.

THE PROPHET MALACHI SPEAKS OF THIS WHEN HE SAYS IN CHAPTER THREE:

Mal 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

NASU

HERE GOD IS SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING ABOUT TITHING, BUT THE SAME TRUTH APPLIES TO OUR SERVING HIM, GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR NEEDS. WHEN JESUS COMMISSIONED THE TWELVE EARLY IN HIS MINISTRY, HE INSTRUCTED THE DISCIPLES TO TAKE NOTHING WITH THEM, THEREBY HAVING THEIR TOTAL DEPENDENCE RELIED ON GOD (MATTHEW 10: 9-10).

JESUS FURTHER EMPHASIZED THIS POINT WHEN HE SPOKE ABOUT NOT WORRYING ABOUT FOOD AND CLOTHING BECAUSE OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN KNOWS WE NEED THESE THINGS. AND JUST AS HE FEEDS THE CREATURES OF THE EARTH, SO HE WILL ALSO TAKE CARE OF OUR NEEDS TOO (MATTHEW 6:23-34). THIS WAS GOD'S PROMISE TO THE LEVITES AND IT TOO IS A PROMISE FOR EACH OF US.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE LEVITES DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB OF SERVING GOD. AS WE CONTINUE READING THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT, WE SEE THAT GOD IS OFTEN VERY DISPLEASED WITH THE HIS PRIESTS WHO WERE OUT FRONT LEADING THE PEOPLE IN IDOLATRY WORSHIP. IT WAS SO BAD, THAT BOTH ISRAEL AND JUDAH WOULD BE OVERCOME AND CAPTURED BY THE NATIONS OF ASSYRIA AND BABYLON AND HELD IN CAPTIVITY. AND IT IS DURING THE CAPTIVITY THAT GOD CALL UPON A PROPHET NAMED EZEKIAL. IN A VISION, GOD GIVES DETAILS CONCERNING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TEMPLE AND THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRIESTHOOD WHEN THE TIME OF CAPTIVITY COMES TO AN END.

EZEKIAL 44: 10-16, 28-31

GOD VOICES HIS DISPLEASURE OF THE LEVITES, BUT BY HIS GRACE, ALLOWS THEM TO DO MENIAL TASKS FOR THE TEMPLE. HOWEVER THEY ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO SERVE HIM IN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND HOLY TASKS. THAT ALONE IS RESERVED FOR THE SONS OF ZADOK.

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND A WHOLE LOT OF TIME THIS MORNING ON WHO ZADOK IS, BUT I DO THINK IT IMPORTANT TO BRIEFLY MENTION HIM SO THAT WE CAN FULLY APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND WHY THE LORD SAYS THIS.

IN 1 CHRONICLES, WE LEARN THAT ZADOK WAS ONE OF THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS DURING THE TIME OF KING DAVID. HE IS LISTED AS ONE OF DAVID'S OFFICIALS IN CHAPTER 18:16, AND DESCRIBED AS A BRAVE YOUNG WARRIOR IN THE KING DAVID'S ARMY (1 CHRONICLES 12:28).

IN THE LAST CHAPTER OF EZEKIAL, GOD SHARES WHY ZADOK'S SONS ARE CHOSEN TO SERVE HIM AS PRIESTS

Ezek 48:11-12

"The holy allotment shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray as the Levites went astray. 12 "It shall be an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

NASU

THE LESSON ZADOK GIVES TO US IS THAT WE SHOULDN'T TAKE FOR GRANTED THE SERVICE OF THE LORD. WE SHOULDN'T THINK THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW WE SERVE THE LORD. IT DOES. GOD WANTS PEOPLE TO SERVE HIM BECAUSE OF THE LOVE AND ADORATION WE HAVE FOR OUR GOD, NOT TO PLEASE OTHERS OR TO PLEASE

OURSELVES. WE ARE TO SERVE BECAUSE OF OUR REVERENCE FOR THE LORD.

THE PSALMS DIRECT US TOWARDS THAT END.

Ps 2:11

**Serve the LORD with fear
and rejoice with trembling.**

NIV

WE ARE TO WORSHIP AND SERVE THE LORD WITH FEAR AND REVERENCE. THAT IS WHY WE WERE SERVE HIM. BECAUSE HE IS WORTHY OF OUR SERVICE!

Ps 100:2

**Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.**

NASU

SO NOT ONLY DO WE SERVE THE LORD WITH REVERENCE, BUT WE DO SO GLADLY. NOT CONSIDERING WHAT IT IS COSTING US, BUT RATHER WHAT OUR SERVICE DOES TO BENEFIT GOD. WE SERVE WITH DEVOTION, COMMITMENT AND JOY TO OUR GOD.

WE ARE TO HAVE A FERVENCY OF SPIRIT IN SERVING THE LORD BECAUSE OF OUR DESIRE OF LOVING THE LORD, OF WORSHIPPING HIM IN SINCERITY, AND OBEYING HIS COMMANDS WITH ALL OUR HEART, WITH ALL OUR SOUL, WITH ALL OUR MIND, AND WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH.

TO ENGAGE US MORE EFFECTUALLY TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS PART OF OUR DUTY, LET US CONSIDER THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS WE LIE UNDER TO SERVE THE LORD WITH FERVENCY OF SPIRIT, AND THEN THE PARTICULAR OBLIGATIONS THAT ARISE FROM CHRISTIANITY.

(1) IN THE FIRST PLACE, AS THE ALMIGHTY IS THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD, AND THE FATHER OF THE HUMAN RACE, HE IS LIKEWISE OUR PRESERVER, AND THE AUTHOR OF ORDER AND HARMONY IN THE UNIVERSE. SEEING THEN HE UPHOLDS OUR EXISTENCE, AND IS THE PARENT OF SO MANY MERCIES, HAS HE NOT, AS OUR SUPREME BENEFactor, A TITLE TO THE SERVICE OF OUR WHOLE LIVES.

(2) THIS WILL APPEAR STILL MORE WHEN WE CONSIDER THE SUPERIOR OBLIGATIONS, WHICH CHRISTIANITY LAYS US UNDER. WHILE MANY NATIONS ARE SITTING IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, ON US HAS THE SON OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ARISEN IN FULL GLORY. WHAT THANKS, WHAT SERVICES, SHALL WE NOT THEN RENDER TO OUR SUPREME BENEFACITOR, WHO HAS TRANSLATED US FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS SON!

SO NOW COMES A QUESTION: SINCE THESE PASSAGES WE'VE READ SPECIFICALLY DEALS WITH THE LEVITES, HOW DO THEY APPLY TO US SINCE WE AREN'T PART OF A LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD? IT'S NOT LIKE GOD HAS CALLED US TO SERVICE, RIGHT?

TO ANSWER THIS, I WANT US TO TAKE A LOOK AT A COUPLE OF SCRIPTURE PASSAGES, SINCE IT'S BETTER THAT I DON'T ANSWER IT, BUT GOD'S WORD DOES.

GOD ESTABLISHED AND ANNOINTED A PRIESTHOOD THAT WAS THROUGH AARON. AND THE PRIESTHOOD WOULD CONTINUE FOR ALL TIMES. BUT AS WE READ IN EZEKIEL, THE LEVITES LEFT THIS POSITION TO ENGAGE IN IDOLATRY AND DISOBEDIENCE. THEREFORE GOD TOOK AWAY THEIR PRIVILEGE OF SERVING HIM. BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE PRIESTHOOD DIDN'T CONTINUE. FOR AS WE READ THROUGH HEBREWS WE SEE THAT JESUS SERVED AS OUR HIGH PRIESTS, AND YET HIS LINE WAS THROUGH THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, NOT LEVI.

HEBREWS 5: 1-9

FROM THIS PASSAGE, WE SEE THAT JESUS IS APPOINTED AS OUR HIGH PRIESTS. AS AARON WAS APPOINTED HIGH PRIEST UNTO ISRAEL, JESUS HAS APPOINTED FOR US TODAY. SO IF HE IS THE HIGH PRIEST, WHO ARE THE PRIEST AND LEVITES TODAY?

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

NASU

SO THE PRIESTHOOD THAT IS NOW AND FOREVERMORE ARE THOSE GOD HAS CHOSEN WITH JESUS AS OUR HIGH PRIEST.

THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE A PRIEST AND AS A PRIEST, WE MUST PERFORM SERVICE UNTO THE LORD. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE MUST AS CHRISTIAN BE BUSY ABOUT THE LORD'S WORK. AND IT'S THAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IT, IT'S THAT WE GET TO. IT SHOULD BE THE PRIVILEGE OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO BE TENDING TO THE LORD'S WORK.

BUT WE ALSO CAN'T TAKE FOR GRANTED THIS WORK. WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT WHATEVER IT IS WE ACCOMPLISH, THE CREDIT, HONOR AND GLORY GO TO GOD, NOT US. AND IF WE TRY TO SERVE GOD THE WAY WE WANT TO AND NOT AS HE HAS COMMANDED, OUR SERVICE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD ANYMORE THAN THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS AND THEIR SERVICE WERE ACCEPTABLE WHEN THEY WERE NOT FULLY DEDICATING THEMSELVES TO THE LORD'S WORK.

SERVICE TO GOD IS SOMETHING WE ALL NEED TO BE A PART OF. THERE IS SOMETHING EACH ONE OF US CAN DO. THINK ABOUT THIS: IT IS ONLY WHEN WE ARE DOING SERVICE TO GOD THAT WE CAN GROW IN OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY. FOR THAT IS PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION. AND WHILE MUCH SERVICE IS DONE TO MAINTAIN WORSHIP HERE IN THE CHURCH, SUCH AS KEEPING THE BUILDING CLEAN AND TEACHING CLASS, MOST OF OUR SERVICE BETTER BE OUTSIDE THESE WALLS, FOR IT IS OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS THAT ALLOW THEM TO SEE JESUS ACTIVELY WORKING IN OUR LIVES.

BUT IF THIS IS TRUE, SO IS THE OPPOSITE. IF WE ARE NOT IN SERVICE TO THE LORD, WE ARE GOING TO BE LACKING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

WE ALL SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT IT IS OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS WHICH IS THE DISTINGUISHING FACTOR THAT JESUS USED AS HE SEPARATED THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS, HIS FOLLOWERS. BY THIS ILLUSTRATION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE COMMANDED TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS.

I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING THIS MORNING. LOOK AT THE PERSON SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO YOU. IF THAT PERSON DID SOMETHING THAT SAVED YOUR LIFE, WOULD YOU NOT FEEL A SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO THAT PERSON? WOULDN'T YOU DO WHATEVER YOU COULD? MOST OF US I BELIEVE WOULD SAY YES. I OWE THEM A SERVICE.

FRIENDS, GOD HAS SAVED ALL OF OUR LIVES THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. SHOULDN'T WE ALSO FEEL IT OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE HIM? SHOULDN'T WE TOO BE WILLING TO GIVE OUR ALL FOR HIM, CONSIDERING HE HAS GIVEN HIS ALL FOR US?

SERVING GOD IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY. LET'S NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED AS THE LEVITES DID BECAUSE IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE HIM.

TODAY'S TOPIC OF SERVING WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE IF I FAILED TO REMIND US OF THE PASSAGE IN JOSHUA WHICH CHALLENGED THE NATION OF ISRAEL. IT'S A FAMILIAR PASSAGE THAT ALL OF US KNOW. BUT WHILE MOST OF US AGREE WITH WHAT IT SAYS AND NOD IN APPROVAL, NOT ALL OF US ARE LIVING IT. HERE IS WHAT IT SAYS:

Josh 24:15

Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

NASU

INVITATION

THIS MORNING EACH ONE OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF, HAS A DECISION TO MAKE. JOSHUA HAS TOLD US HIS ANSWER BUT HE TELLS US TO CHOOSE TODAY WHOM WE WILL SERVE. AND BEFORE WE ANSWER, WE MUST TRULY UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE SAY WE WILL SERVE THE LORD THAT IT IS NOT JUST IN WORD, BUT ALSO IN ACTION.

BUT WHAT IF I'M ASKED TO DO SOMETHING I'M NOT GOOD AT? WE MIGHT. BUT THE CHURCH NEEDS TO ALSO BE ABOUT TRAINING AND EQUIPPING OTHERS TO DO THINGS THAT THEY ARE NOT READILY GOOD AT. AND WITH GOD'S HELP ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

WHAT CAN I DO? I WOULD ALMOST GUARANTEE THAT IF YOU ASK AND ELDER OR DEACON THAT QUESTION, THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING.

REMEMBER, ACTIVE CHRISTIANITY IS ABOUT OUR SERVICE TO GOD.